

PLAINFIELD

Following are extracts from letters received from Eben E. Ward, battery K, 6th regiment, C. A. C., with A. E. F., serving in France.

Dec. 29, 1917: Dear Alice—Will write you to-night. Don't see why we don't get mail. It has been two weeks since we had first-class mail. There has been second-class mail, for some of the boys had some. I received one paper Nov. 17, so you see I do not get the papers you send me. Have been looking for your Christmas box, but it has not come yet. Christmas day passed very quietly with me. Was in the hospital and a good dinner. In the afternoon we went to a Christmas tree in a town near where we are stationed. They took up a collection for the poor fatherless children and it was right fine to see how they enjoyed everything. Each child had a nice present, something they needed. I think there were other Christmas trees given by the "Sammy's" in other towns. Of course you must think it hard times in the states, but if this war continues for three more years it would be much worse there than it is here.

Jan. 10: Another evening and I have the chance to write you again. Have been working all day out in the cold, so don't feel as well as I do sometimes down in dear old South Carolina, but after a good sleep will be O. K. The mail has just come in and I had four letters from you and one from home. Your box has just arrived. Words do not express how I enjoyed it. The cake was real fine and the fudge as nice as I have ever eaten. Tell your sister, Mary, I only wish I could see her and tell her how nice was. The guns and cartridges came in very good. The pack of cards are the best I ever saw. Think too much of them to play with them for fear I shall get them soaked. The views on the cards made me think of Boston so much. The one of the South station, so well I remember the Saturday morning we left there. Will be so glad when the time comes for me to get back to you. I was very proud of the box but it makes me homesick to have those nice things to eat. I divided with the other boys as you wished me to do and they all send their thanks. The folks back in the states are very good to us over here. If it wasn't for the mail and boxes I don't know what would become of us. You wanted to know about this country. Well, we are not allowed to say anything about it or our food, but you will see by the photo enclosed we are not starved. The weather is about as it is in Massachusetts.

I write you as often as I can. I know how glad I am to hear from you, so am going to write you often even though I write the same thing over and over. May God bless you all. With all good wishes to the family and heaps of love for yourself.

Eben.

Mrs. Cora Preston of Marshfield visited her aunt, Mrs. V. A. Bemis, Monday.

Fred L. Page spent last week in Newport with Dr. and Mrs. Leon Page.

Mrs. George Brown, Mrs. Eber Ward, Mrs. Mina Atkinson and son and L. M. Johnson were in Montpelier Wednesday.

George Nye went to Boston last week with a carload of potatoes.

Walter Perry of Waitsfield recently visited his grandfather, E. E. Crea.

Mrs. Arthur Prescott and daughters of East Montpelier visited Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bond Friday.

Mrs. Eun Moses and Mrs. Ella Freeman visited relatives in East Montpelier Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Allen Martin were in Montpelier Thursday.

The entertainment given by "The Parnells" Wednesday evening was well attended and thoroughly enjoyed. Every number on the program was a success.

Mrs. Reuben Hudson of South Rivergate is spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Hollister. Mr. Hudson has recently been assigned to the M. & W. R. station at Barre.

Mrs. Karl Woodcock visited relatives in Barre and Montpelier Friday and Saturday.

John Gifford of Montpelier is visiting his daughter, Mrs. George Brown.

Mrs. Lucy Hollister of Marshfield recently visited friends in town.

Mrs. W. J. Batchelder spent part of last week in Barre with Mrs. Helen Batchelder.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Rudd of North Montpelier have moved into the Lupine block.

Arthur Holt of Calais visited Mr. and Mrs. George Brown Saturday.

E. P. Rutter of St. Johnsbury spent Sunday with his sister, Mrs. Jennie Hamel.

The Mothers' club has recently contributed \$5 toward Red Cross work. All gifts are appreciated, as more yarn will be needed soon.

Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Whitcomb visited Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Jones of East Calais Wednesday.

Andrew MacPhetres has returned to his home in East Randolph after visiting friends in town for a few days.

Miss Dorothy Drimell spent the weekend with her sister, Mrs. Wade Benjamin of Hardwick.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wells and son of Marshfield visited Mr. and Mrs. Jerome Bailay Saturday.

Miss Florence Payne is visiting Miss Nellie Pike of Marshfield for a few days.

C. L. Martin of Berlin was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Mrs. John Ennis, jr., of Marshfield recently visited her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Martin.

L. C. Silver and son, Francis, were in Barre Saturday.

"Tom Thumb's Wedding" given by the little people in town at the 3d E. church Tuesday evening was much enjoyed, the young actors and actresses taking their parts in a very creditable manner.

Have you heard about the minstrel show? Ask some member of the high school. They will tell you all about it.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Bat-helder of St. Johnsbury are spending a few days with Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Batchelder.

Bernard Hamel was in Burlington last week, where he enlisted in the signal corps.

The woman's foreign missionary society will meet Thursday evening, Feb. 21, at 7 o'clock at the home of Mrs. Charles Comstock. Program: Devotions; led by Mrs. Brown; "Women Under the Crescent," Marjorie More; "French Work in Algeria," Mrs. Swain; "Little Daughters of Islam," Mrs. Whipple; "Leaves from a Diary," Mabel Comstock. The meeting will be held from 7 to 8 o'clock in order that those who wish may attend the prize speaking. All are cordially invited.

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EAST MONTPELIER CENTER

Mrs. A. G. Whitchee went to Barre Tuesday to visit her cousins, Mr. and Mrs. F. D. Beckley, and her sister, Mrs. William Wylie, where Mr. Whitchee joined her Wednesday noon, and they, with Mrs. Wylie, attended the Central Vermont Pomona grange meeting in the afternoon at South Barre. They listened to a very good program and then left late in the day for East Montpelier.

Russell Collins, grange deputy, went to South Barre in company with Orlando Martin of Plainfield to attend the Pomona grange meeting. Mrs. Collins was unable to go, but is now recovered from a few days' illness.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hamblin recently spent a week in Burlington with their sister, Mrs. Hattie Willard.

Harry Vincent lost a good driving horse last Wednesday night by its getting cast in the stall and so badly injured in its struggles that it had to be shot.

The ladies' club, called The Gleaners, met with Mrs. Fred Strong Thursday afternoon after a good program of music, readings, etc., officers for the ensuing year were elected, or, rather, re-elected, only those on committees being new. Two new members joined that day and 12 ladies were present. A fine patriotic essay, written by Miss Hester Crawford, was read for her, as she is teaching in the Cutler district. She has invited The Gleaners to visit her school Feb. 22 to hear the exercises by the school in honor of the day.

Many rehearsals have been given lately for the play, "Home Ties," a patriotic play to be given at east village hall Thursday and Friday evening of this week by local talent. Friday night a supper and dance will follow the play and the ladies of the Red Cross will benefit by the proceeds. It is hoped they will receive a goodly sum, which will be used for supplies.

Mrs. Edith Willard is again suffering with neuritis, this time in both of her arms. She is in much pain, while the nights are especially hard to endure. Miss Edna Arbuckle is with her as companion and helper.

W. A. Hall was very sick for three or four days recently, just escaping a quinsy sore throat.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Templeton of Montpelier spent Thursday visiting their old neighbors and intimate friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Young.

A letter received Friday by Mrs. Lyle P. Young, from her Graton of Brooklyn, N. Y., who visits the Youngs every summer, tells of close times now existing in New York, as only three pounds of flour can be purchased by anyone at a time, and then only by card, and the same amount of corn or barley or oat flour must be bought to get the wheat flour then.

Letters received the past week from Peter Sandison, who went to the Charlotte, N. C., camp after enlisting two weeks ago, tell of his safe arrival there and that he is well and among many old friends from near home.

Miss Lillian Simonds, who has been very ill, is now convalescing and an operation for appendicitis has been avoided, at least for the present, for which her many friends are all very thankful. Her home has been with her aunt, Mrs. Clark Sibley, since she closed her summer home in the fall of 1917.

Everett Wallis was home from U. V. M. for the week end.

The ladies of the Home circle will serve dinner Wednesday at Mrs. E. H. Jones' and Red Cross work will be done.

Carl W. Marble was home from Middlesex for over Sunday.

George W. Kingsbury has removed to Montpelier, where he has employment with the Ward Lumber company.

Miss Emogene Lavanway is at Mrs. Dora Freeman's in Brattleville.

The junior high school boys held a valentine party Friday evening in the high school assembly room. A pleasant evening was spent in playing games and in promenade, with music furnished by Mrs. Guy Hunt. Refreshments of buttermilk were served.

Thursday night severe flashes of lightning were seen and heavy thunder followed.

Sunday morning crows were heard—their return being a sign of an early spring.

Harry W. Belden returned Saturday for the week end.

The Red Cross benefit colonial party and box social has been postponed from Friday evening, Feb. 22, to Thursday evening, Feb. 28.

The Bradford players, six in number, will present "Miles Standish," Saturday evening, Feb. 23, in the high school auditorium.

Erle R. Pierce returned Sunday on furlough from Boston, where he has been accepted for naval service.

ORANGE

An entertainment, consisting of a Washington's birthday entertainment and a box social will be held at the Cutler corner school Thursday evening, Feb. 21. All invited.

BETHEL

Two-Story House and Barn of C. O. Spaulding Burned.

The two-story house on River street, with barn attached, owned and occupied as a home by C. O. Spaulding, was burned to the ground yesterday, all hope of saving the main part of the house being abandoned about noon. For more than two hours flames gradually gained headway in the ell, where the fire broke out, hard work by firemen and neighbors with buckets and hand extinguishers availing nothing, partly owing to the height of the building and partly to the inaccessibility of the flames until they made much progress. The house was without the fire district and the folly of an important part of the village shutting itself out from fire protection was never more apparent, all agreeing that a single stream from one of the hydrants in the fire district would have put out the fire in a short time. Practically all the furniture was carried out and saved. The homes of A. B. Brooks, E. P. Fisher and Mrs. Lenora Ingalls, especially the last, were in some danger, although the wind was favorable. Good work was done in protecting the Ingalls house and it did not once catch fire. The fire caught from a gasoline torch with which Mr. Spaulding himself was thawing out water pipes. Once he put out the fire which had been sucked up into the second story from the kitchen, where he was at work. Half an hour later George H. Kimball, who lives in the next house, saw smoke pouring from the gable of the ell part and gave the alarm. Mr. Spaulding's loss is partly covered by insurance of \$2,000 in the Vermont Mutual. The furniture, insured for \$1,000 in the Pennsylvania, was not much damaged. The house was built 22 years ago by the late E. S. Jackson and Mr. Spaulding bought it several years ago.

In Athol, Mass., yesterday occurred the funeral of Fred N. Young, most of his life a resident of this town, who moved to Athol 10 years ago. He was a carpenter and built for himself the present Whitecomb house on North Main street about 22 years ago. He is survived by his wife, a son, H. H. Young of Athol, and a brother, W. P. Young of Randolph. Mr. Young died last Friday after a long period of failing health.

Joseph E. Demers has closed his bakery "until after the war," he says. He had done a very large business, largely of a wholesale nature, making nearly 2,000 loaves of bread daily during part of the winter. He attributes his closing to the difficulty of getting flour and flour substitutes and the greater cost of bread made under the new regulations.

The members of the Woman's Relief corps met at the home of Mrs. Julia Whitcomb last Saturday in honor of her 77th anniversary.

Mrs. Mary (Stickney) Lawrence of Rutland, formerly of this village, who went to France several months ago to assist in Red Cross canteen work, writes that so much assistance was needed in driving trucks and ambulances that she volunteered for service as a truck driver and now engaged in that work well within the fighting zone.

Hamlin G. Barnes has received a letter from Joseph L. Smith of Boston saying that recently he came from France, where he met and talked with Mr. Barnes' son, Leon, who looked well, seemed happy and was provided with all the necessities of life quite abundantly.

Frank H. Tupper, formerly of this village, who recently attended the school at Burlington for signal corps enlisted men, has been selected to report at Carnegie institute, Pittsburgh, Pa., for further instruction in radio work.

R. A. Abbott has leased C. O. Spaulding's ice cutting rights at Lake Andes and has begun cutting the season's supply for the local trade.

Mr. and Mrs. Cicero H. Hale have sold their farm, formerly the Daniel Stoddard place, to Samuel Boale of Providence, R. I.

Grover Bowen has moved from J. B. Garland's house into Mrs. Julia Whitcomb's house.

Mrs. N. P. Moxley has returned home to Newport, N. H., after a several weeks' visit at the home of her daughter, Mrs. F. E. Wallace.

WASHINGTON

About 25 couples attended the birthday party for Charles Denmore Feb. 14. Dancing and music were enjoyed and all had a good time.

Little Howard Scott sprained his neck very badly while turning somersaults and is confined to the bed. All his friends are very sorry, as the little fellow is a great pet with all the village people.

Ora Eastman's barn roof fell in recently from the weight of snow, but there were no cattle in the barn.

Mrs. Carl Kingley rode out Thursday for the first time in a week, as she has been having growths on the eyeball and grip.

Charles Litchfield has been confined to the bed for a few days.

Martin Dickerson is working in Barre for Dr. Goodrich.

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SOUTH CABOT

Mrs. Bert Lamberton is quite low. A number from East Cabot and some from here attended the play at Cabot Friday night.

Guy Dow of Marshfield passed Sunday with his brother, Lee.

Elsie Bovee was in Montpelier one day last week on business.

Bert Lamberton had the misfortune last Friday to fall onto the time of a pitchfork. One time penetrated his groin about two inches.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Hall of Marshfield were here Saturday.

Gilbert Needham of Peacham was a visitor at W. J. Houghton's over Saturday and Sunday.

Nelson Baldwin of Barre passed Saturday night and Sunday at Ayer Hall's.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Boudry and Miss Elsie Welch of Marshfield were visitors Saturday at W. O. Southwick's.

L. D. Hall and L. E. Woodward were in Cabot Saturday on business.

Mrs. L. E. Hall and Flora Woodward received word Saturday that their brother, Amos Hooker of Oregon, was dead.

Mr. Hooker was a veteran of the Civil war. His early life was spent in this place.

Mrs. Guy Davenport of East Cabot is stopping with Mrs. N. M. Stocker for a few days.

Mrs. J. Houghton has been confined to the bed the past week with appendicitis.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank O'Connor of East Burke were visitors at S. E. Houghton's over Saturday night.

Rosie Darling is in Woodsville, N. H., for a few days with friends.

Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Lamberton of Marshfield hill visited Sunday at W. R. Tibbets'.

NORTH FAYSTON

Mrs. Hugh Henry is confined to her bed with a dislocated wrist and also a splintered bone.

The graded school gave a valentine party Thursday, which was much enjoyed by all who were present.

Levi Nelson, who is slowly recovering from infantile paralysis, went to Moretown one day last week.

The people of North Fayston who were dreaming of summer last Thursday night were rudely awakened by a thunder storm. They also enjoyed a snow-storm Friday afternoon.

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RANDOLPH

Death of Sylvester Clark, Who Twice Enlisted in Civil War.

Sylvester Clark, who has been ill for months, passed away very suddenly on Thursday night after a month of suffering from an incurable heart trouble. Mr. Clark sustained an injury about eleven years ago, which greatly aggravated a trouble which he had had for years, and since that time he has not been as well. Two years ago he had a severe illness from which he recovered, and was comfortable till Christmas, and since that time he has been failing. Sylvester Clark was born in Rochester 75 years ago last June, and up to the time he came here, twenty-seven years ago, he had lived much of the time at that place. When a young man he entered the Civil war, enlisting at Rochester, first in Co. A, 16th Vermont regiment of nine-month men, and served his time; was discharged, and Aug. 4, he again enlisted in Co. C, 11th Vermont regiment, in which he served until the close of the war. Upon his return home, he married Laura M. Tolle of Rochester, and to them were born two children, the elder having died many years ago, and the youngest, Dr. Harry Clark of Danvers, Mass., is a prosperous dentist. In the year 1890 they came to this place and took apartments in the Martin block, which they have occupied continuously since then. Deceased is survived by his wife and son, and four half-sisters, living out of the state. He was a member of the Henry A. Eaton G. A. R. post of Rochester, and of Phoenix lodge, E. & A. M., of this place. His funeral was held at the Bethany church on Sunday afternoon, and the Masonic fraternity gave the ritual service. Rev. Fraser Mettger officiating. The remains were placed in the vault to await burial in the early spring. Mrs. Clark, the widow, returned to day to Danvers, Mass., with her son and wife, for a few weeks rest, after which she will return here.

Miss Jennie Jerd, who came here for the burial of her father, the late Frank Jerd, left on Monday for a short stay in Montpelier, after which she will go to Danvers, N. Y., where she is employed as clerk in an office.

George Slack of Hillsdale, Mich., arrived here on Monday for a short business trip, and for a visit to his sister.

Mrs. W. P. Flint and Mrs. R. W. Allen, Edward A. Stephen, who is in training at Newport, R. I., has closed a short stay here with his father, A. U. Stephen, and returned to report for duty.

Miss Florence Judd of Stratford arrived here on Monday for a short stay with Mrs. C. J. Rumrill.

Lieut. F. C. Augell, who has been taking courses in army medical training at Boston and Fort Oglethorpe, Ga., has been assigned to duty at Fort Myer, Va., with a reasonable expectation of the position being permanent.

The town report of Randolph shows a heavy increase of expenses over last year, partly owing to the state war tax.

CHELSEA

Rev. Robert Heseltine was in Montpelier the first of last week to attend the quarterly meeting of the Methodist conference.

Mrs. Marshall A. Carpenter died at her home Tuesday morning, aged 66 years.

John Merrill Flint, who suffered a shock not long since, died at his home on the west hill Monday noon, Feb. 11. The funeral was held the following Wednesday at 1 o'clock from the west hill church. Rev. Robert Heseltine officiating. The bearers were his two sons-in-law, A. L. Sprague and A. G. Bradshaw, George T. Denmore and E. Ralph Walker. The remains were placed in the receiving vault in Highland cemetery until spring, when the body will be in the West Hill cemetery.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Sears of Claremont, N. H., came last week to visit his sister, Mrs. Julian Slack.

Miss Marion Beekwith is working in Tunbridge.

Fred Smith has purchased a small wood lot of Judge B. H. Adams, located in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. Holton S. Annis, who have been visiting friends in New Haven, Conn., and Laconia, N. H., have returned home.

Miss Marion Hall of New Bedford, Mass., is visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Cook.

Max L. Hayward is working at the bobbin shop.

Ray Money, who has been working in Waterbury, came home last week to take his draft examinations.

The patriotic concert given by the high and graded schools in the town hall Monday afternoon was a success. The proceeds, which were about \$19, are to go for the benefit of the local Red Cross.

County Sheriff A. A. Reed was a business visitor in town last week.

There were 26 present at the Red Cross meeting last Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. Emily Sanborn passed away Saturday night at the home of Albert Austin, where she has been cared for during a long illness.

Ordway, Holmes & Co. have sold their stock and store fixtures to the Union Clothing company of Barre.

At the regular meeting of H. E. K. Hall camp, No. 28, Sons of Veterans, Wednesday evening, Feb. 6, the officers for the ensuing year were installed by B. H. Adams, the retiring commander, and are as follows: Commander, Alfred H. Dodge; senior vice commander, L. N. Lucas (re-elected); junior vice commander, Fred D. Parkhurst; patriotic instructor, B. H. Adams; secretary, E. H. Kennedy (re-elected); treasurer and chaplain, H. O. Rixby (reappointed); guide, W. A. Reed (reappointed); color bearer

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